

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-86 are currently pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 80-86 and, with the filing of the terminal disclaimer to obviate the provisional double patenting rejection, the objection of such claims being dependent upon a rejected base claim is hereby removed.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-79 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over copending Application No. 09/992,445. A terminal disclaimer is provided herewith to obviate the provisional double patenting rejection.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return copies of the PTO-1449 enclosed with the two Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 3, 2003 and September 16, 2003.

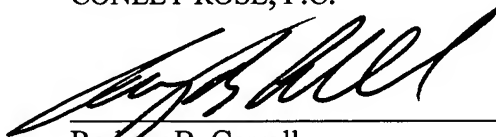
Applicants would also like to bring to the Examiner's attention the electronic filing of two subsequent Information Disclosure Statements on December 9, 2003 of US Patents 5,750,814 and 6,002,057 and January 29, 2004 of US Patent 6,677,496.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fee associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-1515, Conley Rose, P.C.

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